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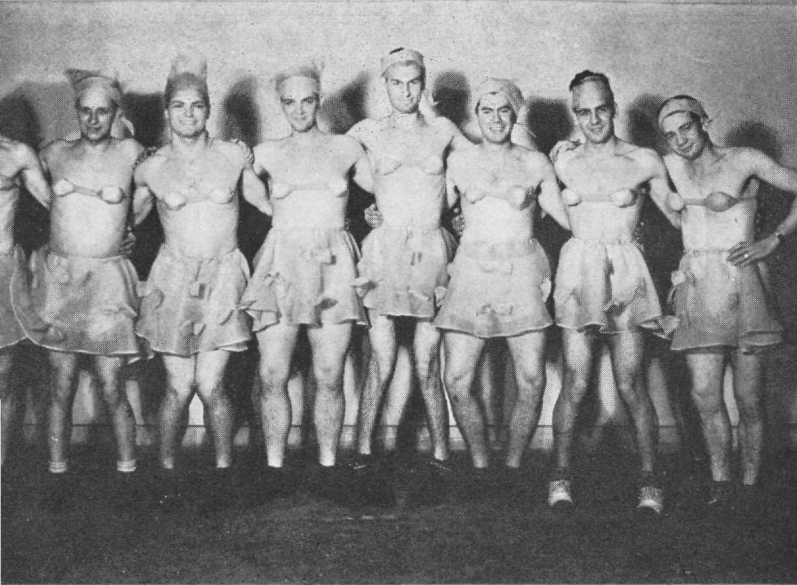
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DEPARTMENTS AND SOCIETIES

Yes, they're back! In the corner of this page is a picture of the original and the only Ohio State "Beef Trust Chorus", known affectionately to some as the Imperial Ballet. The picture was snapped last spring just before this tantalizing group of artists took to the stage and started to swing out in "Papa Behave". Bob Warner, dance director supreme, started this year's group of galloping dancers through their paces early last month. The boys have been making remarkable progress and when the curtain rises at 8:15 on Saturday, May 27 of the year, you can be prepared for a real treat.

The play, as you probably already know, will be an old fashioned melodrama titled "Gold in the Hills OR The Dead Sisters' Secret". We admit the title sounds excellent but compared to the lines in the play it just doesn't stand a chance. Ben Gardner, an I. E. with plenty of directing talent, is in charge of the production. The cast will star such stalwarts as Barry, Castiglioni, Derrenberger, Albert, and Helmy Engelman who, by the way, is the golden haired heroine. Cletus Oster, who plays the part of a work horse, promises to be a big hit. With a brand new show, a larger cast than ever before, and no reserved seats on sale, we expect to see the "standing room only" sign posted in University Hall several days before the twenty-seventh of this month.

"Smug" Haas will help direct the band again this year. The rhythm of last year's music still haunts us—or perhaps it's just a bad case of nerves. Charlie's band has been practicing recently on the newest pieces and we feel certain that the only reason the audience won't dance in the aisles the night of the play is because they will be too busy roaring at the antics of the hoofers.

Before we tell you something of the play's plot, we feel that you deserve a short historical sketch of the engineer's own dramatic society, Quadrangle Jesters. It was organized in 1933 by Jim Hart, and I. E. Jim was a really big activities man; he was, among many other things, a member of Texnikoi and President of the Engineer's council. Despite the fact that he was a leader in the Jesters, he is now happily married and is working for General Electric in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Chief Younger was the organization's first faculty advisor. He has been an ardent supporter of the society since its founding. In 1934 Doc. Lehoczyk was appointed the financial advisor, a position which he has held since that time with the exception of one year. A great deal of the credit for the successful functioning of the organization should be given him.

In 1936, there was no show given but in 1937, Charlie Pressler took over as President and General Manager and as a result the show "Charlie's Aunt"

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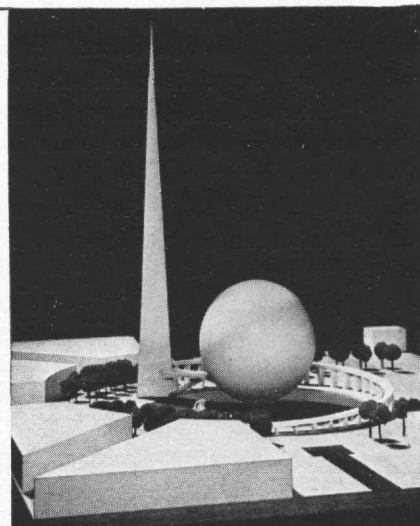
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(Not Pressler's aunt, however) was a huge success. Last year Al Ankrom directed "Papa Behave" and the tradition of "better than ever before" was again carried out. During the course of the years, at various times female members have been included in the cast. This policy, due to the obvious confusion caused, has now been abandoned. At the present, Quad Jesters boasts a membership made up entirely of male engineering students.

Now, about the play. When the famous critic, Miss Jeanne C. Spore said "It's funnier than time" she was putting it mildly. The setting is a mining town in the hills. Jack Dalton, the hero, (of course) is unjustly accused of murder. The second act takes place in the town dancehall where the villain publicly accuses Jack of "that dastardly deed". But, we don't want to spoil the show for you. Come around on May 27 and help hiss the villain; we haven't as yet read the last act but it's our candid opinion that he might know just who the real murderer was.

Engineer's Council

A formal petition for representation on the Engineer's Council was presented by the Engineering Physics students at the April sixth meeting of the council. A short discussion was held, after which the petition was approved. The two new members attended their first meeting with the council on April twentieth.

Radio Club

The time rapidly draws nigh when the new transmitter being constructed by the Department of Electrical Engineering for the use of the Radio Club will be completed, and the Club station W8LT will radiate 1000 watts of power from its towering antenna to all parts of the world via the short waves. The separate units of the new transmitter, now taking shape in the Communications Laboratory, are from the standpoint of design and workmanship a joy to behold.

During the Winter Quarter, radiophone communication was established consistently with stations in all parts of the U. S. and Canada and with Hawaii, using the present transmitting equipment of 100 watts power. A reception report from the Union of South Africa

provided a pleasant surprise at the beginning of the Spring Quarter.

As a special feature of its first dinner meeting of the Spring Quarter, scheduled for April 24, the Club plans to have as guest speaker Lieutenant Commander S. H. Fermaglich, U. S. Navy, father of one of the members of the club. Commander Fermaglich is at present en route from Hawaii to the eastern United States.

A. S. C. E.

The program of the Ohio State Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers was opened for the spring quarter with the presentation of Dr. Arthur E. Morgan on the evening of April 3, in Pomerene Refectory. In what was probably the best discussion of the year, Dr. Morgan talked of the Tennessee Valley Authority, its accomplishments, its objectives. Dr. Morgan was formerly in charge of construction and labor in the Authority, and in that capacity he is probably more responsible for the different engineering features of the improvement than any other one man.

As in every large public works project, many political difficulties were encountered. The chief of these were the desire of different politicians for patronage, a tendency to let the power factor overbalance the other objectives of the reservoirs, and reluctance of auditors to accept the construction methods introduced in this project, according to Dr. Morgan.

Dr. Morgan emphasized the fact that although in the past many dams have been constructed, some for power, some for flood control and some for navigation, the Tennessee Valley Authority attempted for the first time the task of fully developing a whole river valley in such a way as to make use of its assets to the fullest advantage. He frankly admitted that the value of the river for navigation was highly speculative, but stated that at the present time certain trends seemed to justify the belief that the project might be a good investment from that standpoint also.

A. S. A. E.

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers opened their meeting of March 30th with a discussion of the highlights of the T. V. A. inspection trip which was taken by members of the society during the spring vacation. This discussion was brought to a close when the date for the annual banquet was set for May 27th. Committees for the succeeding year were appointed and new officers were nominated. The election of officers is to be held at the next meeting. Leading candidates for offices are: President, Bob Hartsock; vice president, Harris Gitlin, and secretary-treasurer, Roy Miller and Ralph Patterson.

Mr. Meyer of Hillsboro, Ohio, who is an experienced hybrid corn grower, discussed problems in cornplanter machines, especially difficulties in designing seed plates.

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